

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bischoff opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice; mailed electronically to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - Present: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek

Absent: Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza

Others Present: J. Peter Jost, Esq., Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2010

Mr. Bischoff made a correction on page 8, under Payment of Bills to add “Clarke Caton and Hintz to PO #1374.”

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve the Regular (as corrected) and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2010. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Abstain – Mr. Haynes. Motion carried.

VISITORS

Michele McBride – UTEC

- There has been no interest in the Hoffman House property RFP. UTEC is working on alternative options.
- Preparing for auction of the Milligan property. Max Spann will be invited to the August 4th Committee Meeting to discuss.
- Just beginning work on project to record conservation easements in the Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: to be held at a future Committee Meeting.

REPORTS RECEIVED

- Road Dept - Weeks Ending 06/11/10; 06/18/10.
- Tax Collector – June 2010
- Animal Control Officer – June 2010
- Engineer’s Report – not submitted for this meeting
- UTEC

CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Haynes mentioned the following correspondence: None

Mrs. Dziubek mentioned the following correspondence:

- Williams Transco Pipeline. Should be discussed.
- Letter of suspected zoning violation. Copy provided to the Zoning Officer.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING July 7, 2010

- Acceptance of Aid Applications by NJ DOT. Discussion of sidewalks and bike paths.
- NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory. Regulating the jurisdiction of solar panels and its relevance to the draft UT Energy Ordinance.
- Highlands Initial Assessment Grant of \$15,000.00. To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Bischoff mentioned the following correspondence:

- S-1212/A-559 OPRA Fees. Setting copy fees at \$.05 for letter size and \$.07 for legal size. Did research on commercial copies for comparison.
- Letter to Mayor from Cynthia Yard, Cty Admin. Regarding timely payments of County Taxes. Grace Brennan, CFO copied on the letter.
- Resolution Opposing Closing the Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital from HC Freeholders. State has changed their mind about closing facility.
- NJ Fish and Game Council. Cat Trap-Neuter-Return programs. Mrs. Dziubek will be talking with the Board of Health.
- First Energy Corp. Communication Concerning JCP&L Utilities in Reference to Variances, Subdivision, Acquisition, Expansion of or the Development of Property. Copy to Zoning Officer.
- JCP&L. Re: Installation of Decorative Lighting. For information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

PUBLIC HEARING**ORDINANCE #2010-5**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HUNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NJ, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE PATTENBURG FIRE COMPANY WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK

Mr. Haynes made a motion to open the public hearing. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Haynes made a motion to close the public hearing. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adopt the above Ordinance on 2nd and final reading. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes - Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – Accepting Property Tax Payments via Credit and Debit Cards – Info from Tax Collector. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2009-106**Excavation Bond Refund**

**Kevin and Lana Peterson, 3 Hill Top Lane, Pittstown, NJ 08867
Block 25 Lot 18.01**

WHEREAS, Kevin and Lana Peterson, did post an excavation bond in the amount of \$500.00 for work performed at Block 25 Lot 18.01, in the Township, and

WHEREAS, the work and inspections are complete, and

WHEREAS, the construction department has issued the Certificate of Occupancy and requested that this bond now be released back to Kevin and Lana Peterson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the excavation bond in the amount of \$500.00, be released to Kevin and Lana Peterson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adopt above Resolution. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2010-107

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO CORRECT 2010 TAXES ON BLOCK 29, LOT 19**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union granted tax exempt status of the above-referenced property by Resolution #2009-102; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that a computer error has generated 2010 taxes for the above-referenced property; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certifies that taxes have been overpaid for 2009 in the amount of \$8,428.67 by BAC Tax Services Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certifies that due to the computer error, taxes have been overpaid for 2010 in the amount of \$7,612.01 by BAC Tax Services Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of July 2010, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector shall correct the 2010 Extended Tax Duplicate to Class 15 (exempt) and cancel any 2010 taxes.
2. The tax collector shall refund the amount of \$16,040.68 to BAC Tax Services PO Box 10211, CAO-911-01-03, Van Nuys, CA 91499-6089/
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mrs. Dziubek recused herself.

Atty. stated for the record that computer error was made by both the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector with regard to the above resolution.

Mr. Haynes made a motion to adopt above Resolution. Mr. Bischoff seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve – Service Contract Renewal with Merlins Pest Control – Hoffman House. Tabled.

NEW ORDINANCE – 1st Reading

REPORTS

Attorney's Report – Mr. Jost reported the following:

- Recycling Ordinance - spoke to Alan Johnson at the County, there is concern among some municipalities about the model-recycling ordinance. Suggested that Mr. Johnson visit several municipalities to hear concerns.
- OPRA fees.
- Atty. Jost dictated and asked the Committee to consider the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2010-108
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
TEMPORARILY ESTABLISHING FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the fees for copies of public documents be as follows:

- a. \$.05 cents for standard (letter) size copies**
- b. \$.07 cents for legal size copies**

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve the above Resolution. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

- Met with Mr. Tarricone, Paige DiRoberto, and a representative of Pittstown Trail Association with regard to residents and non-residents using horse trails located in the Township. Mr. Jost contacted Tewksbury for their ordinance. Mrs. Dziubek noted that no jumps be installed before the details are worked out.

Mayor's Report – Not present

Committee Report

Mr. Haynes reported the following: None

Mrs. Dziubek reported the following: None

Mr. Bischoff reported the following:

- Quote “Government is the great fiction through which everyone endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.” Frederic Bastiat 1821-1850 French economist
- Working on Milligan vouchers for Clarke Caton & Hintz.

Clerk's Report

- Raffle License #2010-14 Hunterdon Medical Center Foundation; On Premise Merchandise: 50/50 Cash; 9/20/10

Mr. Haynes made a motion to approve the above-mentioned Raffle License. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes –Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Haynes moved that the approved list of bills, and that all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date be paid and that all checks listed hereinafter be issued in payment thereof. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella M. Ruta, Twp. Clerk

by Pat Essig
Administrative Assistant